

**Assessment and Innovation Division
Salient Issues and Activities Report
Week Ending March 30, 2012**

<http://r3web2.r03.epa.gov/Salients/eaid/index.cfm>.

Salient Issues

Ocean and Dredge Disposal Team to Assist with Aquatic Risk Assessment Sampling in Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund Site - Folcroft Landfill – The Ocean and Dredge Disposal Team in EAID’s Office of Monitoring & Assessment will assist field sampling in April aboard its 25’ boat to support a risk assessment for the Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund Site. Approximately 50 surface sediment samples will be collected for each of the 10-13 “decision units” in the deeper parts of Lower Darby Creek. Shoreline sediment samples will be collected on foot by a contractor for the project. The risk assessment is being coordinated with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Departments of Environmental Protection and Health, and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. For more information, visit <http://epa.gov/reg3hwmd/npl/PASFN0305521.htm>. (Renee Searfoss 4-2137; Sherilyn Morgan, 4-2786; Joshua Barber HSCD, 4-3393).

EPA Region III Concludes Listening Sessions on Sustainability “Green Book” - On March 21, 2012, we completed our seventh and final listening session as part of a national effort to gather feedback on a National Academies of Science report titled, “Sustainability and the US EPA,” which was prepared at the request of EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson. The report, also known as the “Green Book,” suggests ways that EPA can better incorporate the triple bottom line of environment, social equity and economy into our decision-making. The Region hosted a variety of events to gather feedback from over 100 stakeholders representing a wide spectrum of interests, including local government officials, consultants, manufacturing representatives, small businesses, academia, advocacy groups and more. To conclude the process, we will compile our publically-available notes from these sessions and will develop, for internal EPA purposes only, a document presenting the Regional Administrator’s perspectives on the findings in the Green Book. (Michael Dunn, 4-2712; Steve Donohue, 4-3215)

(INTERNAL ONLY - Do Not Post on Internet) Analysis of Dimock Well Water Samples - - The Region 3 Lab in Fort Meade has completed the analysis of well water samples from Dimock, Pennsylvania. Samples were analyzed for semi-volatile organics, volatile organics, metals, alcohols, glycols, anions, oil and grease, total dissolved solids and total suspended solids. The project started in February and continued into March. Here are some interesting facts on the project. 286 samples were analyzed. A total of 2110 sample containers were submitted to the laboratory. There were 99 coolers shipped and 164 pages of chain of custody records. Additional analytical support was provided by Regions 2 and 9, NAREL and several contract labs. (Stevie Wilding, 5-2606; Cindy Caporale, 5-2732)

EAID Division Director’s Travel Schedule

- No Upcoming Travel -

EAID Calendar of Events

March 29 -30	Association of Mid-Atlantic Aquatic Biologists Annual Meeting and Workshop Cacapon State Park – Berkeley Springs, West Virginia http://www.amaab.org/agenda.html . Contact: Maggie Passmore, 304-234-0245
April 10	Mid-Atlantic Wetland Workgroup Spring Meeting Norfolk, Virginia Contact: Regina Poeske, 215-814-2725
April 3 – 4	Eastern Good Jobs, Green Jobs Regional Conference Philadelphia, Pennsylvania http://www.greenjobsconference.org/ . Contact: David Byro, 215-814-5563

April 12 **American Rivers Grant Announcement**
Press Event with Regional Administrator
Frostburg State University, Maryland
Contacts: Danielle Algazi, 4-xxxx
 Susan Spielberger, 4-xxxx

May 9 – 10 **Workshop on Legacy Sediment**
Presented in collaboration with EPA's
Office of Research and Development
Franklin and Marshall College
Lancaster County, Pennsylvania
Contact: David Rider, 215-814-2787

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